

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSION QUESTION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of ineligible persons drawing freedom fighters pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension scheme has come to light in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the last three years as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government against such persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A statement showing State-wise the number of cases cancelled during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 is laid on the Table of the House.

Recently, some instances of persons drawing pension on the basis of fictitious sanction letters have come to light from Punjab. A formal complaint has been registered with the CBI in this matter and investigation is on.

(c): Whenever instances of ineligibility come to the notice of the Ministry, action is taken to cancel the pension.